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Oakland Farm from the Vail Dear Steel Box – Tentative Identification

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This photo—printed in a postcard format—comes from the Vail Dear steel box and is being scanned here for the first time. The original measures 5 3/8" wide by 3 3/8" high. While the identities are not confirmed, my best guess is that this image depicts Tim's father's farm near Oakland, Oregon.

In the background, if you look closely at the open doorway, you might spot what appears to be Allen Jenkins Dear alongside a faithful dog—though that remains speculative. In the foreground are several large geese and chickens, and the woman walking among them may be Fanny Vail. She appears relatively dressed up, yet wears an apron and is clearly mid-chores—a quiet reminder that the work never stopped.

I believe this to be the Oakland farm, but all identifications here are tentative. I'm relying on Wally Dunsmoor's research and familiarity with the family archive to help confirm the details.